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FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1856

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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN INTEREST IN FISHING AGREEMENT

REFS: (A) CARACAS 2064, (B) CARACAS 2585

1. EMBASSY ON APRIL 7 RECEIVED NOTE FROM FOREIGN MINISTER REITERATING URGENT VENEZUELAN INTEREST IN NEGOTIATING A FISHING AGREEMENT BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND THE UNITED STATES. NOTE POINTED OUT THAT PRESIDENT CARTER, AT SIGNATURE OF MARITIME BOUNDARY AND NARCOTICS AGREEMENTS DURING HIS VISIT TO CARACAS (MAR 28-29), MENTIONED THAT NEXT AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD BE FISHING AGREEMENT.

2. NOTE CONTINUES THAT VENEZUELAN MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE PINTO COHEN WILL BE TRAVELING SOON TO WASHINGTON, DC AND THAT GOV WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANCE OF THE MINISTER'S PRESENCE IN WASHINGTON TO ADVANCE THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FISHING AGREEMENT. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT GOV EXPERTS ON FISHERIES ARE AVAILABLE TO FLY TO WASHINGTON AT ANY MOMENT SHOULD THE DEPARTMENT WISH TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATING THE GIFA.

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3. EMBASSY ASSUMES IT WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE OR THE EXPERTS DURING THE AGRICULTURE MINISTER'S STAY IN WASHINGTON. ACCORDING TO FOREIGN MINISTRY, MINISTER WILL BE IN WASHINGTON APRIL 8 FOR AN INTER-AMERICAN AFTOSA CONFERENCE AND WILL REMAIN THERE UNTIL APRIL 13 OR 14.

NEVERTHELESS, THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE
MINISTER MAY MAKE CONTACT WITH DEPARTMENT TO THIS END.

4. EMBASSY ON APRIL 7 POUCHED TO SERGEANT, VENEZUELA
DESK, LEGIBLE COPY OF THE VENEZUELAN COUNTERPROPOSAL
TO THE DRAFT GIFA HANDED TO GOV BY EMBASSY RECENTLY.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: ONCE DEPARTMENT HAS STUDIED
VENEZUELAN GIFA COUNTERPROPOSAL, ADVISE EMBASSY WHEN
NEGOTIATIONS ON BILATERAL FISHING AGREEMENT COULD BEGIN.
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